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SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that the product mixture include species having methyl branches, species having ethyl branches, and species having propyl branches, as determined by ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. Support is found on page 7 in paragraphs [0029] and [0030].

It is believed that there is no possibility of new matter and entry and consideration is respectfully requested.

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Claims 1-23 are in the case.

Applicant's would first like to thank Examiner Bullock for the courteous discussion held on January 31, 2007, with Applicant's representative.

During the discussion it was pointed out that the present invention produces a mixture of oligomers having methyl, ethyl, and propyl branches, observed in the ¹³C NMR spectra of the mixture, whereas EP 0 311 310 B1 clearly teaches product oligomers are "olefins not having any side groups other than methyl." (See for instance page 3, lines 18-19, of EP '310). WO 93/16020 (WO '020) does not cure the deficiencies of EP '310.

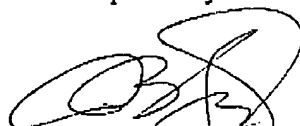
Accordingly, the combination of EP '310 and WO '020 cannot fairly suggest the surprising results presently claimed, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 103 be withdrawn.

For these reasons, Applicants urge that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early indication of such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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